

WHEEL TRUST

IT IS BEING FORMED AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS.

Robbers Attempt to Hold Up a Missouri, Kansas and Texas Train at Haiso, I. T., but the Engineer Opened the Throttle and Left them.

CHICAGO, Ill., Dec. 23.—Plans have been made here by representatives of twenty wagon wheel manufacturers for formulating a wheel trust. The nucleus of the movement centers in the Standard Wheel company. This concern is a small trust in itself. It has absorbed several factories, all the affairs of which are under one management with Crawford Fairbanks of Terre Haute, Ind., as president. Mr. Fairbanks wants the thirteen other concerns to make a "business" arrangement for the regulation of prices. The Standard company bought the defunct American Wheel company. A price of approximately \$1,500,000 was paid. The thirteen outside companies represent a capital of \$2,000,000.

Fallen to Hold Up

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Dec. 23.—A special from Vinita, I. T., says: An unsuccessful attempt was made yesterday evening at Kelen, four miles north of here, to hold up the Missouri, Kansas and Texas train No. 3. The switch was open and the train ran upon the siding. This alarmed the engineer, and knowing there was a spring switch at the other end of the siding he applied full steam and ran through. Finding they were foiled, the robbers, four in number, opened fire with their guns. Fireman Charles Milne was shot in the face and the lower jaw torn off, the wound being serious. The robbers mounted their horses and rode away. Officers are in pursuit.

A Madman's Act

SALT LAKE CITY, Utah, Dec. 23.—At 9 o'clock last night Oscar Young, the crazy son of Brigham Young, rushed through the theater on to the stage and tried to kill several members of Hoyt's "Trip to Chinatown" company. Finally he was overpowered and placed in jail. No one was hurt. Young knew none of the company, but imagined they had wronged him.

A Settlement Demanded

MADRID, Dec. 22.—The foreign office has requested the Spanish minister at Tangier to strongly demand from Mohammed a settlement of the "Marrakech" case. Spain will brook no further delay. The resources of 1887, who were called out at the commencement of the fighting at Melilla, have disbanded. A recall of part of the army from Melilla is contemplated if events over permit it.

A Chicago Crank

CHICAGO, Ill., Dec. 23.—James Powers, a supposed crank, last night while the Coughlin jury was going from the courtroom to the hotel, after an effort to break through the police cordon, yelled to the jurors he would make it worth \$100 to each man to set Coughlin free. This police prevented his saying more. His sanity will be inquired into.

Jury Discharged

NEW YORK, Dec. 22.—Dr. H. C. Meyer will be tried again for poisoning Gustave Humm. The report of the insanity experts on Juror Law, whose mind became deranged, show that the jury will not be able to officiate again. The entire jury has been discharged. The case will come up again at the January term.

Killed by an Engine

GREENSBORO, Pa., Dec. 22.—Yesterday evening four men walking on the track were struck by a passenger engine of the Pennsylvania road east of here. Three were instantly killed; the other escaped with a few scratches. John Scott, the only survivor, knew only one of the killed, Arthur Cavanaugh. The other two are unknown.

Trouble in Siam

VANCOUVER, B. C., Dec. 22.—The Empress of India brings word according to the China mail that the trouble between France, England and Siam is not over. H. M. S. Sefero, Archer and Pigmy are under orders to proceed to Bangkok immediately.

Beaten by Robbers

FOREST, Miss., Dec. 21.—Tuesday J. H. Beeman, ex-congressman from this district, was called to the door of his residence, near Ely, Tuesday night by two masked men, and after being brutally beaten was robbed of \$500. He is seriously injured.

Killed and Cremated

LYNCHBURG, Va., Dec. 23.—Unknown persons murdered Pleas Hendricks, then burned his house and the body of their victim, after dragging his wife into the yard and leaving her bound. The motive was robbery.

He Fooled a Widow

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Dec. 22.—Lincoln Potter, a young man who has been conducting a saloon here for

several months, was arrested yesterday and will be taken back to La-Crosse, Wis., to answer the charge of grand larceny and embezzlement. About a year ago Potter was a brakeman. He made the acquaintance of Mrs. Marie Watkins, a wealthy widow, and they were married. The wife gave the young husband \$5000 and he started for New York to buy a stock of general merchandise. This was the last Mrs. Potter saw of her husband. Then she learned he had run off with another woman. She offered a reward of \$200 for his arrest. Potter was known here as William Day until detectives discovered his identification. The woman's money was used to purchase a saloon here.

\$3,000,000 Tobacco Bill Saved

CHICAGO, Dec. 25.—[Special.]—The Chicago Inter Ocean's illustrated supplement, describing the great success and merit of No-to-bac, has made it famous in a day.

Mr. H. D. Kramer, the active man, was seen today at his office, 45 Randolph street, and in talking of no No-to-bac's growth, said it was hard work to keep up with the rapidly increasing demand, as every box sold advertised No-to-bac's merit.

He said, "No-to-bac is not sold on the strength of the thousands and tens of thousands of testimonials, but under an absolute guarantee to cure, or money refunded." That made a long story about merit very short, as it absolutely protects the user from physical injury or financial loss.

"Why," said he, "No-to-bac will make 100,000 cures this year, and the saving will average \$50.00 for every one cured, or a grand total of \$5,000,000 saved from going up in smoke and out in spit." No-to-bac is indeed a God-send to the poor man these hard times. According to the testimonials, however, the money saved is the least consideration, for almost everyone reports an improvement of the nervous system, increase in weight, and a revival of physical and mental powers that is indeed miraculous.

Prominent physicians look upon No-to-bac as a great success, and are very free to prescribe it.

Every wholesale drug house in this country and Canada sells No-to-bac, and the retail druggists are pushed to supply the demands of customers; the direct mail demand is immense.

The cost of No-to-bac compared with the results is a small matter, as the saving in a week pays the cost of a cure for a lifetime. No-to-bac is sold for \$1.00 a box, or three boxes, \$2.50, with a guarantee to cure or money refunded.

A few extra copies of the Inter Ocean supplement (eight pages) illustrated in five colors, have been secured and will be mailed for the asking, by addressing the Sterling Remedy company, Chicago office, 45 Randolph street; New York office, 10 Spruce street; laboratory, Indiana Mineral Springs, Ind.

A New Mexican Law

CITY OF MEXICO, Dec. 21.—The recent passage by congress of the bill authorizing President Diaz to rescind or reform any existing railroad and harbor works concessions which he may think proper has caused dismay among the holders of concessions who have been slow in carrying out the provisions under which they were obtained. It is reported that President Diaz will declare forfeited a number of important concessions of railroad enterprises held by American and English people, particularly those which were obtained for speculative purposes. Hereafter the greatest precaution will be taken in granting concessions.

Women Brutally Beaten

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., Dec. 21.—At Greenville three respectable white women who claimed to be sisters, and known as Bess, Lila and Spec, refused to leave town after repeated warnings from a law and order organization known as the "Black Caps." Monday night they were taken from their hut on the outskirts of the town, stripped and so brutally beaten that they are in a critical condition, and one may die. The men who did the beating are alarmed. Nobody knows where the women came from.

Don't Want to Die

CHICAGO, Ill., Dec. 21.—The defense in the Prendergrast trial is confident of the fact that the jury separated when the members were allowed to vote in the majority election for a successor to the prisoner's victim, which will entitle Prendergrast to a new trial if the case goes against him. Attorney Wade of the defense created a sensation yesterday by announcing in court that he would accept any form of punishment for Prendergrast except death.

Skaters Drowned

HALIFAX, N. S., Dec. 20.—Four young people while skating on Chocolate lake yesterday afternoon broke through the ice and were drowned. Three were named Doyle, two boys and a girl. The fourth, a boy, was named O'Neil. The latter's body was not recovered. Mrs. Doyle nearly lost her life in trying to save the child, being rescued by her 8-year-old daughter.

ROCKWALL ROBBERY.

TWO MEN RELIEVED OF \$149.50 BY EXPERTS.

A Galveston Lady Falls from a Stepladder and Breaks Her Arm—A Negro Assailed at Hallettsville—Theodore Extorts Confessions.

ROCKWALL, Tex., Dec. 23.—Thursday night between 1 and 2 o'clock, while driving from Rockwall to Royse, J. D. Gurley and Will Medlin were held up and robbed one and a half miles from Royse by a couple of men. Gurley lost \$145, while Medlin lost \$3.50. The robbers were not amateurs, as shown by their cool and intrepid manner of operation. They rode up behind the buggy and one passed and caught the bridle rein, while the other presented his pistol and demanded that they "shut out," which was done without delay. During the time they made remarks, winding up by asking Gurley if he wanted a receipt for his money. When they finished their work they released the horse and gave the command to "move on," which was done at great speed until Royse. Gurley and Medlin got to Royse, when they called upon Constable Louder, and together they rode back in pursuit of the highwaymen, but they had too much the start and succeeded in making their escape.

Falls From a Stepladder

HALLETTVILLE, Tex., Dec. 23.—Yesterday Mrs. Skinner, wife of Col. J. D. Skinner, of this city, had the misfortune to break the large bone in her wrist and to receive other painful injuries. She was standing on a stepladder attempting to adjust a window curtain which had become disarranged. When she lost her balance, falling backward to the floor, a distance of four or five feet. In attempting to break the fall she threw out her hand and thus received her fall weight on it, which broke the large bone of her right arm near where it joins the hand at the wrist. In addition to this her hips and also were badly bruised.

Negro Killed

HALLETTVILLE, Tex., Dec. 23.—Moss Williams, colored, aged about 60 years, just after dark Thursday night, while sitting in his house, was shot by someone on the outside and instantly killed. Although he has neighbors close by who heard the shot and there were several people in the house besides himself, no one saw the assassin. Sam Williams, who has been arrested, but he asserts he

Shot

GALE, Tex., Dec. 21.—Bob Bailey and Albert Lyles of this place had an altercation resulting in the former shooting the latter in the mouth at close range. The wound is a serious nature, but not necessarily fatal. Bailey is in jail at Cameron. Both parties are in jail.

But Sentenced

SAN ANTONIO, Tex., Dec. 21.—Joseph Jarrett, a lad of 18 years, was convicted in the district court here yesterday for passing a forged order on one of the San Antonio merchants last summer for \$6.00, and sentenced to two years in the penitentiary.

Both Legs Amputated

SAN ANTONIO, Tex., Dec. 21.—J. H. Pitcher, an aged school teacher, was struck by a freight train Tuesday night on the International track and seriously injured. Pitcher was taken to the hospital and both legs were amputated yesterday.

Killed by a Train

BEAUMONT, Tex., Dec. 20.—Jack Morris, a white man, was killed Monday night on the Gulf, Beaumont and Kansas City railroad, two miles north of here. He attempted to get on a train which was slowly moving, but fell and was almost instantly killed.

Radical Meeting

ATHEENS, Tex., Dec. 22.—An enthusiastic railroad meeting was held here at the courthouse Thursday and committees were appointed to confer with the Dallas trunk officials in regard to the proposed extension to this place.

Shot in the Foot

DEKINSON, Tex., Dec. 21.—Tuesday night a female on Lower Chestnut street was shot in the foot by Hal Sims, who claimed that the shooting was accidental. He was arrested, and in default of bail was sent to jail.

Suicided

CALDWELL, Tex., Dec. 23.—Thursday night a German tailor at this place, named Theodore Extort, committed suicide by shooting himself through the head with a .44-caliber pistol. Despondency.

Kicked

OVERTON, Tex., Dec. 22.—John Coleman was kicked by a horse and had his arm broken, and face disfigured.

Big Conflagration

WAXAHACHIE, Tex., Dec. 21.—At 12:35 yesterday morning a fire started

here, which almost swept away the entire principal business square in the town. The fire raged furiously until 8 a. m., when it was checked. The following is a list of the firms burned out: Citizens National bank; St. Louis clothing store; N. Brown, dry goods; Lancaster & Matthews, drugs and stationery; Devonport & Sons, jewelry and millinery; J. C. Woodliff, jewelry; Lewis Bros., saloon; Rocket & Penn, groceries; Galtier & Spencer, groceries; J. P. Kennedy, baggies and carriages; Wells-Fargo express office; M. Porter, millinery; D. Knoech, racket store; McCoy and Sons, 5 cent and 10 cent stores. A great many offices were located in the upper stories of the building, occupied by lawyers, doctors and other professional men, who lost their books and instruments. The loss is estimated at from \$150,000 to \$200,000, with a total insurance of \$90,000. The fire originated in the Simm's building, occupied by D. M. Howard as a millinery store. It is generally believed to be the work of an incendiary. Very little goods were saved from the burned buildings and the loss of stock was generally complete.

Hope Lands Them On

DALLAS, Tex., Dec. 22.—Mr. T. W. Griffiths reports that for some distance around McCommas' bluff, several miles below here on the Trinity river, the place looks like a magnum opus dog town, so dug up has it been by people who believe that the Sam Bass gang buried \$70,000 somewhere near the bluff. "There are holes there," says Mr. Griffiths, "that you could shove a big desk into, and there are people living in the neighborhood who are just as confident that the treasure was buried as that the sun will rise tomorrow. Hardly a week passes that somebody does not come along with his witch hazel and go to digging, but thus far the prospecting has not paid out."

Steamship Limited

HALLETTVILLE, Tex., Dec. 22.—In the United States circuit court Hard & Hard of New York and New Orleans have filed a libel against the British steamship, Lord of Sunderland, now loading at Velasco, for \$125,735. The libel was entered at Rio de Janeiro to bring to New Orleans not less than 12,000 sacks of coffee of sixty kilos each at 25 cents per sack. They shipped 29,842 sacks of coffee which the steamship refused to deliver on the dock at New Orleans and consignees were compelled to take the same at the ship's tackle and therefore paid in tolls \$168.76. Deputy United States Marshal Whelan went to Velasco Wednesday night and yesterday filed the libel.

Killed in Mexico

ST. ANTONIO, Tex., Dec. 22.—J. J. Gordon, a young man from Chicago, who came to Texas for the benefit of his health, was murdered in Mexico. Last Friday he left the ranch of E. J. Pinton in Presidio county to go hunting. The next day his body was found on the Mexican side of the Rio Grande with a bullet through his head and his pockets rifled. Pinton has wired to Chicago to hear from relatives with reference to the disposition of the body.

Two Children on Fire

AUSTIN, Tex., Dec. 22.—At Turner last night, during the progress of an entertainment given by the pupils of the Sixth ward colored school, a boy's clothes caught fire from the foot lights and in an attempt to put it out the clothes of two others, which were of eastern pattern, caught fire likewise. They were put out with much difficulty. Excitement ran high for awhile. Only one boy was much burned, however.

Two Killed by a Hog

KILBOURNE, Tex., Dec. 22.—Yesterday afternoon on the farm of Billy Cholen, four miles from here, a large hog attacked two small children and a negro boy 10 years old ran to the assistance of the two little ones. The hog turned on the boy and succeeded in getting him down and killed him. The hog was a pet and it is supposed had hydrophobia.

Skeleton Found

SAN PATRICK, Tex., Dec. 22.—The skeleton of Pablo Baldorana, a Mexican, was found five miles below here on the Honda creek. He was killed about six weeks ago, supposedly for the purpose of robbery, as he always carried considerable money on his person. The sheriff has one of the men suspected of the killing in jail.

Held Up and Robbed

WACO, Tex., Dec. 22.—Constable Tom Gross of Reisel brought in a negro last night who gives his name as James Adams. He is charged by affidavit with holding a six-shooter on Henderson Huddleston, a colored farmer, and robbing him of his cash and part of his clothes.

Charged With Robbery

GREENVILLE, Tex., Dec. 22.—A countryman was robbed of \$47.00 at a house in the eastern part of town Wednesday night. Harry Clark, Earl Jenkins and a young man named Wilson were arrested and part of the money recovered. Jenkins lives here. The other two are transients.

TEXAS NEWS BRIEFS.

INTERESTING CULLINGS FROM THE DAILY PRESS.

A Crop and Complete Brevice of their Round-up Carefully Selected and Hand-drawn from Every Edition of the Empire State.

A few days since John Gardner, of Lamar county, while in the Cherokee nation buying hogs, became involved in a difficulty with Harmon Holman, an Indian. In the fight Gardner shot Holman through the arm. Holman returned the fire. Gardner was shot four times in the region of the heart, and killed.

Charles L. McKay, president, and Henry D. Rome, cashier of a national bank at Belton, have been convicted of violating the laws governing national banks in the federal court at Waco, and sentenced to fifteen years each in the penitentiary. They will appeal to the United States supreme court.

A few nights ago some of the young people were assembled for an evening's enjoyment, near Burnet. On going to their homes to return to their homes they found that sixteen of the animals had been deprived of the hair on their tails, and worse than this three had their ears cut off.

John Sewall and wife of Sunset, Montague county, 87 years of age, have 212 descendants. They are the parents of fifteen children, eleven are living and have families. They have 127 grandchildren and recently great-grandchildren.

The poultry year is being used in Bee county as stock feed. One firm is fattening 400 hives near Beeville on a mixture of the year and cotton seed. They have five men employed in handling and burning the thorns from the year.

A fatal violent accident at Bardonia, in Lamar county, a few days since. The clothing of J. W. Sanders, while standing looking a fire, became ignited and he was burned so badly that it is believed he cannot recover.

Frank Smolik, a Bohemian, aged 40, situated by shooting himself recently at Hallettsville. The bullet passed through his body and went through a wardrobe. His young wife had left him which was the cause.

A lady at Galveston recently, without knowing it, shut her favorite cat up in the stove and made a fire. When the stove began to get hot Tom began to yell, and hearing him she let him out. The cat died.

At Galveston recently Tom Faircloth was held up and robbed of a finger ring and some silver change. He filed complaint against a man named Brazier, who is in jail, charging him with robbery.

An iron arch bridge is being built over the San Bernard river, a few miles above its mouth, that will open direct communication between Velasco and Quintana and eastern and central Matamoros.

Jacob Stenow, 70, and the Dutch Kid, has been arrested at Galveston, charged with the murder of Ben Jenks, who has just died from a wound received at the hands of Stenow.

H. C. Ferguson, Dan Griffin, Buck Gibbs and Sid McMahon have been jailed at Richmond, Fort Bend county, charged with the murder of Ed Gibbs a few days since. They are all colored.

At El Paso recently two small boys, Walter Falvey and Sam Rosenbaum, were playing together when Falvey accidentally shot Rosenbaum. It is feared that the wound will prove fatal.

A fine horse, valued at \$175, the property of Police Officer Chas. Durham of Dallas, was stolen recently from in front of police headquarters. The horse had a fine saddle on. No clue.

Several car loads of hogs, fattened on cotton seed hulls and meal, have recently been shipped to New Orleans from Hallettsville. There are 1200 head more being fed there.

Sheriff Davis arrested Dick Clements a few days ago. He is charged with committing rape on a little girl 6 years old near Pineda creek, a few miles above the town of Bostrop.

A German widow's son, aged 2 years, living seven miles northwest of Burnet, fell in a well one night recently and was drowned before assistance could be rendered.

The State orange fair grounds at McGregor, 40 acres, were sold to A. J. Sewell and M. J. Montgomery under a deed of trust to satisfy a debt of \$1,000 a few days ago.

The clerk in Nokes & Slade's store at Blue, Navarro county, was covered with a pistol recently, after sunset, by two strangers. They took \$50 and departed. No clue.

Mrs. Isabella Capps, who was tried at Paris recently, charged with killing Dr. A. W. Shotton at Paul's Valley, I. T., has been allowed bail and has left for Kansas.